



CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Post, Sarah Light, Libby Bauman, DaVonti' Haynes, Mark Pauley, Carly LaRosa, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, E Alexander, Kathryn Holt, James Uanhoro, Jack Brandl, Conner Sarich

Absent: Rania Khamees, Priscilla Rodriguez Garcia, Kevin Ingles, Ehsan Estiri, Alec Clott, Andrea Davis, Blake Szkoda

1. President's Report

- 1.1. We almost broke even with our first ever annual Winter Party (held January 17th). Hopefully this event will be even more successful in future years with more advertising.
- 1.2. There was a meeting of the Pregnant & Parenting Students group along with other entities to discuss issues related to Buckeye Village.
- 1.3. We received information indicating that Lyft partnership was funded with money that used to support the Community Campus Patrol. This service had been in existence for about 30 years.
- 1.4. Post.144 will be the graduate student rep on the pilot committee to begin the process of searching for OSU's next president. There will be an in-person forum as well as an online survey to gather feedback from graduate and professional students about the search process.
- 1.5. CGS is a sponsor for a Suicide Prevention Walk called "Out of the Darkness". The date is TBD but will likely be in early April. We will be putting together a CGS team to participate in this event.
- 1.6. The formal language of the graduate ombudsperson resolution is still being workshopped but will be presented at the February meeting of the Steering Committee. After that, it will be referred to the Rules Committee and then come back to Steering to be presented to the full Senate in March. We anticipate having this position filled by the start of the next academic year.
- 1.7. Most professional colleges have a formal honor code and the Graduate School is interested in creating one. CGS will put together a survey to gather feedback about what students think the ethics and values of graduate students should be. This will go along with a review of the ethics and values listed in our own constitution.
- 1.8. We have some travel funds available to send some executive committee members as representatives of CGS to a conference (March 29-April 1) in D.C. If you would like to go on this trip, please let Post.144 know by next Friday.

2. Vice President's Report

- 2.1. Hayes Forum results were sent out this morning.
- 2.2. The Organizations & Elections Committee is looking through the bylaws to determine if there are any changes or updates that need to be addressed.

2.3. Officer elections will be happening at our March meeting and Senator elections the month after. The nomination period will open at our February meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. Spend your money.
- 3.2. We used our office supplies budget to invest in a smart board for the office. This will hopefully be a useful tool as many committee meetings are held in this space.
- 3.3. Delegate Engagement Fund applications are moving entirely online.

4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1. The CGS Awards Ceremony is taking place Monday, April 13th in the Performance Hall. This ceremony will honor all current delegates and officers and welcome new officers and senators. We will also recognize all students who have won the Ray, CDG, or GGG this year.
- 4.2. The Global Gateway program is happening again this summer. We are waiting on approval of application materials from the Office of International Affairs.
- 4.3. In collaboration with Haynes.242, Light.109 will be writing an act the details the policy changes for the Ray and CDG that will go into effect at the beginning of next fiscal year. These changes were discussed and agreed upon within the Ray and CDG committees.

5. Committee Member Agenda Items

5.1. Diversity & Inclusion

- The Diversity Campaign is moving forward. Photos will start to be posted next month and the video will also be unveiled.

5.2. External Collaborations

- The committee is working on assembling a complete brief about the issue of unionization that will be published by mid-February.
- The grad school is trying to build a program focused around mentoring for students. So far, the conversation has revolved a lot around ways to bring resources that already exist to a centralized place where they can be more accessible. If we incorporate undergrads into this conversation, it would be easier to get more support from offices across the university.

5.3. Government Affairs

- The committee has organized for local elected official (state reps, state senators, city councilors) to come to campus and meet with students. The goal is to provide a venue for students to converse directly with these officials without the filter of OSU. Any suggestions about people to invite are welcome.
- The committee is also trying to bring in someone to talk about affordable housing in Columbus.
- Remind your constituents about the primary on March 17th.

5.4. Delegate Relations

- Ideas for a spring social event: bowling night, skating night, go-karting night

5.5. Graduate Student Affairs

- The committee is working with the Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee to put together a resolution that holds the university responsible for transparency regarding their decisions about the Lyft partnership.
- Pauley.66 will be submitting a public records request to buckeyelink about issues with the registrar's office.

- Results of the survey gathering feedback about the “U Got This” online training are being compiled and will be published soon.

5.6. Arts & Culture

- Two more ticket lotteries are going on in February and a few more for the rest of the spring semester.
- There was a survey sent to all arts students gathering feedback about students’ experiences applying for and participating in the Hayes Forum and success in applying for CGS grants. Results will help CGS figure out how better to include these students in these events and processes.
- The committee is also working on a report about the 15th and High development project that has been going on near campus.

5.7. SERC

- In collaboration with the business school, the committee is co-sponsoring a case competition for students to come up with plans to make dorms more sustainable.
- They are also working with a company called Ideas42 who is pushing to reduce energy usage in low- and middle-income communities in Columbus.
- They are also working with Dining Services on campus to figure out ways that we can support and encourage good sustainable habits among grad students.

6. Old Business

6.1. None.

7. New Business

- 7.1. There was an article in the Lantern recently about USG’s push to remove suspensions from a student’s official transcript once they have dealt with the sanctions set by the university. USG passed a resolution in support of this idea. A discussion was had about whether CGS should support this move.
- Sarich.6 pointed out that in order to get a suspension, you have to commit a major infraction or have multiple offenses.
 - Uanhoro.1 states that having a suspension permanently listed on your academic record will follow someone their whole life and is in effect a continuing punishment.
 - Brandl.8 suggested that it might be more effective to implement an optional restorative justice approach that students can choose to pursue in order to have the suspension wiped from their record. This way, it would not automatically be removed.
 - This issue was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee for further consideration.
- 7.2. There is a push to rename Bricker Hall and other campus buildings that are named after people with questionable histories. While this is a positive move, there are other campus buildings that are also problematic and it’s not possible to address only one and not others.

8. Open Floor Announcements

8.1. Next delegate meeting February 7th, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.